

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1872.

RETROCESSION.-In commenting upon report that steps are being taken, in this place, looking to a retrocession of Alexandria to the District of Columbia, the Lynchburg News

"We would fain indulge the hope that nothing of the sort is seriously contemplated. since we should be reluctant to see Alexandria divorced from the Old Dominion. Nor can we see what the people of that city could gain in being attached to the negro-riden and Radical District of Columbia, that has been loaded with debt and taxes under the new regime. No relief, in mitigation of taxes, could come from such a change, but rather the reverse; while, in no other respect whatever, could the condition of Alexandria be improved by incorporation with the District of Columbia. Her people had a sufficient trial-under a better government than the District now has-for more than centus of the "ten miles square," as sed to refurn to old Virginia. We remember foo, that when retrocession to Virginia was secured, property appreciated in value, and the business of the city was manifestly improved. With this experience, we cannot imagine what Alexandria will gain by ceasing to be a Virginia city and becoming a part of the District of Columbia. But, there may be another difficulty in the way, even if ald, in view of the fact that a committee has the negro voters of Alexandria, and a few been appointed to revise the oyster laws. dissatisfied whites, should vote to carry it back to the District. The third section of the 4th article of the Constitution might be found applicable to the case, since the consent of the Legislature must be had before Virginia can be despoiled of any portion of her territory. We can hardly suppose that she would consent to any further spoliation, and certainly not to the loss of the fourth city in population, within her territory. We hope that this re-trograde scheme, if it be seriously contemplated will be abandoned at once, as one to which the people, and especially the tax-payers of Virginia, will never consent.

It is gratifying to see the interest manifested by the press of the State, representing the feelings of the people, in behalf of our "good old town," and to notice with what unanimity a mere suggestion for a further dismemberment of the old Commonwealth, by tearing from her another portion of her territory containing a city of which she is justly proud, and whose people are so throughly Virginian in all their relationships and feelings, is resented; but there need be no serious cause of alarm that such a commend in his annual message, now in course calamity will overtake us if the question is left of preparation, the revival of the project for the to the people of Alexandria, and it is not made a political cat's-paw for some designing persons to draw from the fire that which would alone aggrandize them at the expense of the community. That there may be among us those who would acceed to the proposition is not to be doubted, but the design of such a move, at this time, would be so apparent and the result so pernicious to the great mass of the people, that even though it were made a party test, and the colored vote in the county, which is thoroughly Radical, outnumbering the Conservative majority in the city, brought into the contest, still we think it doubtful, even under such circumstances, if a decided majority would | therefore, 1,972, with Buchanan to hear from not be found opposed to such a hurtful measure. The reasons and arguments why so great a wrong should not be perpetrated are so numerous, and have been so forcibly and ably presented heretofore, by so many others, that a repetition is now unnecessary, but as stated in the article from the News, when under far more favorable circumstances Alexandria left the District and re-united herself to her mother State, certainly, since affairs have so changed and the District presents the spectacle that it now does, pecuniarily and otherwise, there would seem to be no reason why such a step should even be contemplated, much less considered. However, we do not apprehend that announced. If the report be true the disease any serious idea is entertained of such an attempt, especially when we have the protecting ægies of the State thrown around us.

THE HOMESTEAD LAW. - A dispatch from Lynchburg on Saturday says: - "The delivery of the opinion of Judge Bond, of the United States Circuit Court, touching the constitutionality of the homestead law, was expected to- and passing away. Take him, all in all, he was day, and was awaited with considerable anxie- a character peculiarly Virginian and one that ty. The court will not sit, however, until the latter part of next week, and no opinion has ally a gentleman and receiving his office from a therefore been yet delivered."

The assemblage of leading democrats and liberal republicans in Columbus, Ohio, on Friday last, and the adoption by them of resolutions and an address, looking to the preservation of the organization on the basis of the Cincinnati platform, and a tariff for revenue only, have him, as with gold pen behind his ear and queue been mentioned in our dispatches. The address was prepared by Senator Thurman, Gen. Thomas Ewing, Gen. Brinkerhoff and John G.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Richmond and Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company will take place on the 20th instant.

BOOK NOTICES. -The Westminster Review for October has been received from the Leonard Scott Publishing Company, New York. Contents: - The Heroes of Hebrew History; Pindar; Free Public Libraries; The Descent of Man; The Scotch Education Settlement of 1872: France-her Position and Prospects: The Æsthetics of Physicism, and Contemporary Literature. A most interesting number. From the publishers, Messrs. Littell & Gray,

Boston, we have received this week's number the most faithful manner, and whose books, of Littell's Living Age, containing the usual kept in a hand-writing like copper-plate and ments. variety of interesting selections from the foreign with a fidelity to duty rarely equalled and never surpassed, are the best monuments of magazines with a continuation of the Burgomas-

No. 5 of the Cyclopedia of the best thoughts of Charles Dickens, has been received from the publishers, Messrs E. J. Hale & Son, New York. This number is fully equal to its predecessors in the excellence of its selections and style of execution.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Gen. Mahone and Mr. Thos. A. Scott, are

having another Railroad fight; this time over

leged that R. T. Wilson, president; Capt.

on their stock, at the expense of other stock

holders, by purchasing from small holders at

nominal maket rates, ranging from thirty to

sixty cents, and selling to the Security compa-

ny for more than par. The managers of this

road have purchased the partially completed

road from Morristown, leading to North Caro-

lina, which, when completed would leave Ma-

hone's road out, giving the Southern Security

Company a through route from New York to

Memphis via Greensboro and Richmond, or

Danville and Lynchburg; hence Gen. Mahone's

anxiety and his desire to secure control of the

Brownlow of Tennessee has issued a letter

which in the first part speaks of the situation

in politics in Tennessee, and which closes as

tollows: "If the popularity of the President

shall continue, as I doubt not it will, it is more

than probable he will be re-elected for a third

term. Indeed, rather than put in power this

corrupt old Democratic party, I will favor the

election of Grant for life." . Brownlow to be

talking of a corrupt party! We are however,

yet to believe that a serious attempt will be

A correspondent of the Gloucester, Va., Her-

poses that the people take the matter in hand,

and suggests that a convention be held to be

composed of delegates from every county of

Tidewater Virginia, representing all the vari-

ous oyster interests, to fix upon some plan to

be presented to this committee, showing what

The Richmond correspondent of the Peters

burg Index writes to that paper, on Saturday

that from calculations made by the disbursing

officers of the Treasury, it is ascertaided that

with the surplus now on hand and the amount

that can be realized from taxation, at fifty cents

on the dollar, four per cent, interest on the

public debt can scarcely be paid next year

and that it is not probable the General Assem-

to the rumors that the President intends to re-

annexation of Santo Domingo, or that he in-

tends to recommend a policy looking to the ac-

The address delivered by Mr. Thomas

Swann, at the recent Agricultural Fair at Lees-

burg, is published in the Leesburg Washingto-

pian. It is a very able and interesting produc-

tion, and will be very acceptable to all engaged

The official returns from Alexandria county

were received in Richmond on Saturday, show-

ing that Grant received 455 votes, and Gree-

ley 125. Grant's majority in the State is,

Sener's official majority in the First Con-

gressional District is 373, Smith's majority in

the Third (Richmond) District is 568, and

Harris's in the Seventh 4,158. Whitehead's

majority over Johnson, in the Sixth District,

Richmond is growing. A company of capi-

talists have purchased some four or five acres

of land at the western terminus of Marshall

street, for \$23,000 and intend, at once, erecting

An epidemic among the Canadian swine is

THE OLD VIRGINIA CLERK .- As old and

cherished land marks pass away, it is well to

record their prominent features for the benefit

of those who come after us, and among the

many institutions that have characterized Vir-

ginia, none are more worthy of notice than,

that formerly most important personage, the

county and circuit Clerk, of the old days past

only a constitution and society, such as we shall

never look upon again, could produce. Gener-

race of gentlemen for generations, he was a

very Chesterfield in manners, if slightly pomp-

ous and dignified withal, and a modle of neat

ness, order and regularity in all things. Portly

of presence, dressed in the proud Virginia blue

with spotless, ruffled shirt front and diamond

pin, low quartered shoes neatly blacked and

white hose-who of middle age has not seen

neatly tied, he quietly but swiftly transacted the

varied duties of his office on Court day. It

needed not the musty records, extending from

colonial times or the ancient law-books, to give

dignity to his office, for he was dignity itself,

and woe to the luckless wight who intruded

upon it. A compendium of legal lore, inheri-

ted picked up and studied, he was a better

lawyer than most of those who wore the gown

and sat upon the bench; the history of his

county, people and State was at his finger ends.

and nothing delighted him more than to impart

it and dilate upon the glories of the past, of Henry, Watkins Leigh, Chapman Johnson, Baldwin, Shefley, and a host of others; but it

was in the social circle that his varied attrac-

tions showed to the greatest advantage. Good

wine mellowed down the austerity of his offi-

cial manner, and, inexhaustible in anecdote.

ever ready to give and take a joke, he was the

life of the Court circle when business was con-

cluded. A few of these gentlemen of old days

gone, still linger among us, who for years have

conducted the business entrusted to them in

their useful, though quiet and unobtrusive lives.

Long may they, live, examples to the youthful successors of the Old Virginia Clerk, following

in whose paths they cannot go astray or fall by

Twenty one ocean steamships sailed from

New York on Saturday, nine of which were

the wayside. - Staunton Spectator.

bound for Europe.

will follow close upon the horse disease.

which, in 1869, gave Walker 146.

a large number of residences.

quisition of Cuba.

in agricultural pursuits.

bly will attempt to raise the rate of taxation.

the parties who are most interested desire.

made to run Gen. Grant for a third term.

Tennessee and Georgia road.

To show the very age and body of the Times'

the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia The Mixed Claims Commission, now in ses-Railroad, at a meeting of the stockholders of sion at Washington, has awarded the sum of which, held in Knoxville, last week. Gen. \$2,490 in gold to Francis Impey, a British subject, who claims to have suffered great losses Mahone, through his counsel, offered to purchase the entire stock of the company at par. It is aland indignities during the late civil war. He was arrested without cause in Missouri by Jaques, vice-president and general manager; United States soldiers, and after being compelland Charles M. McGhee, one of the directors, was imprisoned at St. Joseph for thirty days. Another Englishman named James Marcher own a majority of the stock, and that they have sold the same to the Southern Railroad received \$643, on account of the destruction of a crop. James Stott, a British subject, arrest- layed a few weeks, there is no pressing need Security company, of which Scott is the head. ed as a deserter from the First Rhode Island for horse power upon the farmers. It is also charged that the directors have by this secret sale been enabled to get a premium Cavalry, was awarded \$775.

San Francisco, was, yesterday, thirteen days out that section. Deer are plentiful, and hunts overdue. She has a large number of passengers, both in the cabin and steerage, many of whom left New York on the steamer Henry Chauncey, intending to take the steamer Ari-The officers of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, however, feel no anxiety for her safely, saying that they believe the delay is due to a mishap to her machinery. She is valued at \$600,000, and, in accordance with the invariable custom of the company, is unin-

A steamboat captain named Edward Dix shot Mr. Robert W. Estlin at the Southern Hotel, St. Louis, last evening. The quarrel had its origin in a game of dominos played some days since. Dix walked up to Estlin, who was talking to some friends, and deliberately fired his pistol. Estlin fell and received another bullet while he was lying on the floor. Dix then surrendered himself to the police, and Estlin was carried to his room. His wounds are not serious.

The jewelry establishment of Wilson & Sons, corner of Fifth and Cherry streets, Philadelphia, was robbed on Saturday night of solid silver plate of the value of \$3,000. The burglars took a wagon with them, which they left n front of the store, then effected an entrance through one of the rear doors opened a safe, took out such pieces of plate as suited their fancy, deposited a number of costly articles of solid silver in their wagons, and drove leisurely

The Cincinnati express train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, as it was coming east on Friday night, was thrown from the track near Clarksburg. W. Va., by colliding with a ouple of cows. The locomotive ran through a small house that was standing near the track. shivering it into fragments, but, singularly enough, the owner and his wife and baby, who were in bed asleep, escaped without serious

A most mysterious shooting affair occured on North Gay street, Baltimore, on Saturday night. Mr. Daniel Bouldin was going to his home from the Belair Market, and when near Eden street received a bullet through his thigh, fired by an unseen hand. Eli Crawley, a colored man, was arrested near the place soon after

A special from Berlin of the 16th says that the Government has issued a ministerial de-A denial is given by some who at least have the right to the confidence of the administration continue the practice of transporting emigrants the prevailing ma's ly soon after arriving, unless full rates are paid for persons and died Thursday night. baggage. The object of the order is to discourage emigration.

> A dispatch from Montgoinery states that three members-elect of the Alabama Legislature were arrested near Selma by a Deputy United States Marshal. It is intimated that these arrests have been made with a view to keeping the parties out of the way till the Legislature is organized, thereby securing the election of Radical officers.

The Methodist General Committee, in session in New York, on Saturday, made its annual appropriations for domestic missions, aggregating \$200,000, including \$5,000 for Philadelphia \$10,000 for South Carolina, \$14,000 for Texas, \$15,000 for Virginia. \$3,500 for Washington a most estimable man, died in that city on Satcity, and \$5,000 for Wilmington.

The Italian Minister of Finance, having addressed an official communication to the Pope, guaranteeing the payment to His Holiness of the annuity voted him by Parliament, Cardinal Antonelli has sent a reply to the Minister, notifying him that the Pope declines to receive the annuity.

Judge Shipman, presiding in the United States Circuit Court in New York, has dismissed the suit against Paymaster Cahoon and his sureties, on the ground that he was a lunatic at the time he gave his official bond, and cannot be held responsible for any subsequent de-

General Newton, U. S. A., gives it as his opinion that gunpowder is not well adapted to the blowing up of buildings when great fires are to be arrested. It sends burning fragments flying through the air, and helps to spread the

In order to protect such American inventors as may desire to exhibit the products of their colored men being summoned there for trial skill at the Vienna Expositon, the Government is about propose a treaty between the United States, by which the rights of a patentees in both countries will be secured.

A special dispatch from Raleigh of the 16th says that the charge against Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Mann-the wife and daughter of Rev. Dr. attempted to arrest Elias for firing, were each J. Brinton Smith-of poisoning him to death, has been dismissed by Judge Watts, there not being the slightest evidence against them. An attempt was made on Friday night to

throw a passenger train from the track of the Harlem Railroad by placing three heavy pieces Mayor has remitted the fines imposed on all of timber across the rails. Fortunately they except the two ringleaders. were pushed off by the locomotive, and a dreadful disaster averted. The New York police are trying to suppress the

on Saturday night on one of the Broadway establishments, and the proprietors and his female employees put under arrest. A youth named James Whalen, aged sixreen, was fatally stabbed by another boy in a

'pretty-waiter-girl' saloons. A raid was made

Brooklyn liquor saloon on Saturday night. I'he murderer made his escape. Harvard College suffered great detriment by the late fire. Its losses are so grave that Pres-

ident Eliot says that the institution will be

compelled to solicit aid. A student of Columbia College New York was fatally injured by being thrown over the bannisters, and fell from the third story to the ground. It occurred during a row between two of the classes.

In all the Cathedrals in France prayers were offered yesterday for the National Assembly and the blessing of God invoked on its pro-

been elected Administrator of Public Improve-The bulletins issued by the court physicians

passed a bad night on Friday. On Saturday afternoon his health was improving. The business portion of the town of Abbeville, South Carolina, was destroyed by fire and mainland, is very great.

yesterday. Loss \$50,000; partly insured. At Buffalo, on Saturday, the snow was two feet deep on a level, and all the passenger trains were from ten to twelve hours behind time.

VIRGÍNIA NEWS.

The Leesburg Washingtonian says :- "The norse disease is now prevailing throughout this county, much to the inconvenience of the people. The remedies published have been used, and have proved very effective, as we have heard of no deaths from the epidemic. It was exceedingly fortunate for this agricultural section, that the disease delayed its coming until the seeding was over. Had it broken out in ed to perform divers menial services in camp this and adjoining counties a few weeks sooner, it would have caused serious trouble and loss to the farming interests. With the exception of gathering the corn crop, which can be de-

The Petersburg Appeal says that game of The steamship Arizona, from Panama for all kinds is very abundant this season throughmen very successful. James river is almost alive with wild ducks, and partridges and hares are found without number in the fields. The Staupton Vindicator informs us that "the oldest inhabitant doesn't recollect when fish were as plentiful in South river as they are now."

The Harrisonburg Enterprise says :- "During the whole of last week large quantities of flour have been taken to the depot for shipment to market. On Wednesday we counted thirteen wagons pass in the space of two hours, loaded with from eight to fifteen barrels each. We have not heard of any extensive sales to local dealers. Good extra is worth \$7.30 by the load.

Hamilton Ferguson, colored, a convice on his way to the Penitentiary, in charge of the sher iff of Russell county, made his escape from the mail train, near Summit Cut, by leaping from a window while the train was running at full speed. During the next day he was seen in the woods. He still had his hand-cuffs on, and was considerably bruised about the face.

In consequence of the prevalence of the horse disease the people of the Tidewater section of the State are put to much inconvenience for want of mail facilities. The four lower counties of the Northern Neck and the counties of Middlesex. Matthews and Gloucester will, in all probability, be soon destitute of mail facilities.

The Louloun Republican says :- "The wheat crop in this county is looking well and growing finely. We hear a little talk about fly ravages, but don't think it amounts to anything. Since the rains last month the weather has been exceedingly favorable for giving the erop a good root and body for the winter.'

The Harrisonburg Enterprise says: - "On Monday last, Col. Geo. E. Deneale butchered and issued the mandamus to the sheriff, from seven hogs of the Chester breed, only eleven months old, that weighed as follows: 269, 299, two 300 each, 301, 303, 305, the seven yielding 2.077 pounds of pork.

The Richmond State Journal intimates that efforts will be made to secure the recognition of Virginia in any possible reconstruction of the Cabinet, and Gen. II. H. Wells and and are now before the court for decision .-Col. Robert W. Hughes are mentioned in that Richmond Enpuirer.

A fine race horse of Mr. Smith, of Richmond, which was taken to Lynchburg for the cree, signed by the Minister of Commerce, purpose of engaging in the trials of speed at commanding German railway companies to disthe fair at that place, but was attacked with on Saturday of the death, at the residence of

> The wheat crop of the Valley is estimated at 2,959,689 bushels this year. In 1860 it produced 6,323,350 bushels of wheat, corn. oats Military Academy at West Point and served and rye, or more than 48 bushels to each in-

habitant. The horse malady is raging in Rockbridge county. The stage-line from Staunton and the packet-boats have been discontinued, The Goshen and Bousack's lines are still running.

Dr. William Allen Christian, brother of Judge Christian of the Court of Appeals, died in Lancaster county on the 14th. Dr. Christian was to have been married in a day or two. Mr. Henry Watkins, of the firm of Gibson & Watkins-an old merchant of Richmond and

A divorce from bed and board was granted to the wife of Col. George W. Carter, of New Orleans, by the Circuit Court of Loudoun at its recent term.

It is said that Mr. J. Ambler Smith is expected to make the James river and Kanawha canal project his especial hobby in Congress.

Bishop Johns preached at St. John's Church in Tappahannock, on Tuesday last, and confirmed a class of five persons. The mails to and from Lynchburg by the

packet, up and down the river, have been temporarily suspended owing to the horse disease. Thirty car loads of cattle and sheep were shipped to the Northern markets on Friday by way of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad. It snowed in Richmond, in a moderate way,

on Saturday evening.

FAUQUIER COUNTY ITEMS. -The Mayor's Culpeper court room in Warrenton presented a novel spectacle last Monday morning, eight or nine upon the charge of resisting a special officer of the Corporation in the discharge of his duty. Two of the ringleaders, Elias Mitchell who fired his gun in defiance of warning, and Geo. Jackson, who had been charged to inform his Daniels. co-celebrants not to discharge any fire arms and afterwards assaulted the officer when he fined \$10, and recognized in the sum of \$100, to answer an indictment before the next grand jury. Three others testifying they "could not afford to see Elias arrested," were each fined \$5; two others were acquitted; and the cases

D. M. Pattie jr. has resigned the office of Sergeant of the Corporation of Warrenton, and L. A. Cologne has been appointed in his stead until an election is held by the Council.

against two more (not present) continued. The

The horse distemper, but in a mild form, has reached Warrenton and its vicinage. Some thirty or forty cases are reported. So far we have not heard of a case resulting fatally.

Last Monday O. M. Patterson was fined \$20.

by Mayor Rixey for bellieose conduct and held to bail to answer an indictment for carrying concealed weapons. A resolution was submitted to the last Coun-

cil for the removal of the Recorder from the town of Warrenton. The negroes of Warrenton celebrated the e-election of President Grant by bon fires .-

The Great Storm in the Baltic. LONDON, Nov. 17 .- A dispatch from Straland yesterday, reports that eighty vessels were totally wrecked in the late gale. The town was considerably damaged by innudation. The fishermen on the islands of Zingst, Dars and Hiddensoe lost all their fishing smacks and apparatus. Their houses and contenst were heavily The majority for Greeley in Louisiana is damaged by high water. Nearly all the cattle placed at 6.707. General Beauregard has been elected Administrator of Public Improve- flooded from the sea, and the inhabitants are suffering greatly for fresh water, food and shelter. The Prussian government has dispatched steamers laden with supplies to their relief. of his Majesty King Amadeus, state that he The Island of Rugen has also felt the disaster heavily. Many of its fishing boats have been destroyed, and the fields near the coast line are flooded. The loss of life, both on the islands

> The horse disease in this section of country seems to be gradually abating. Not many horses have died from the sickness.

The Coupon Case.

It was agreed on Saturday last, by counsel, that the coupon cases should be submitted to the Court of Appeals, sitting in Richmond on printed briefs, already filed, as soon as all the judges are present. The history of these cases is as follows:

The Legislature of 1870-'71, undertook to settle the public debt of Virginia by funding the old debt, on much of which interest had not been paid for many years, by issuing new bonds for two-thirds of the old debt, and giv ing a certificate for the other third, that i would be paid in accordance with such settlement as should be hereafter made with West Virginia. The old creditors were offered a special privilege if they would surrender their old bonds and take these new ones. They were asked to extend the time of payment by making the new bonds payable in thirty-five years, and also to defer all claims for the one third until West Virginia had settled. In con sideration of the creditor doing this, the Leg islature offered to give him a new bond, th coupons on which should forever be receivable for taxes and all demands due the State. Th holder of this bond was thus secured in th payment of his interesr; for, if the State failed to pay it, he could sell his coupons as fast as they became due to the tax payer, who could pay his taxes with them. The bond holder was thus offered a new bond for two-thirds of his debt, the payment of interest on which was secured. A great many of them accepted this offer, and out of forty-five millions of bonds, thirty-three millions came in, and new bonds, to the amount of twenty-two millions were issued for them for the two thirds, and eleven millions of deferred certificates for the other third.

These new bonds are known as Virginia Consols. There are fifteen millions of coupon bonds, the coupons on which are considered as receivable in payment of taxes, and seven mil lions are registered and have no coupons The Legislature of 1871-'72 was dissatisfied with this law and passed another act forbidding these coupons from being received in payment

Whereupon, the bondholders claimed that this last act was unconstitutional, because, they say, Virginia had made a contract with them if they would give her further time to pay, then she would secure the payment of interest on two-thirds of the old debt by making these coupons receivable for taxes. Counsel were employed, who sued out a mandamus, in the case of Smith, before Judge Wellford, of the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond, to compel Wright, a sheriff, to receive coupons in payment of Smith's taxes. Judge Wellford decided the act of 1872 was unconstitutional, which Mr. Attorney-General Taylor appealed for the Commonwealth.

About the same time a motion for a mandamus was made in the name of Antoni against Wright, to make him receive also coupons in payment of his taxes. The causes were set for the Wytheville term of the Supreme Court last June, but were continued until this term,

It is not thought that there will be an early decision in the case.

DEATH OF COL. WILLIAM GILHAM. - Information was received in Richmond by telegraph his brother, in Vermont, of Col. Wm. Gilham, Reed. orably connected with the history of the Virgioia Military Institute for the past quarter of a century. At an early age he entered the his collegiate course there with much honor and credit to himself. Upon graduating he was assigned to duty in the engineering department of the United States army, where he remained until after the close of the Mexican war. He served under General Taylor through his campaigns, and gave evidence of superiority of intellect and an exceeding familiarity with scientific subjects. Upon the cessation of hostilities with Mexico, he was elected professor of chemistry at the Virginia Military Institute, and was also selected at the same time, as the commandant of the corps of cadets. Under his administration the corps attained to perfection in drill and discipline. He remained at the Institute till the beginning of the late war, when he was temporarily relieved, having been assigned to the command of the 21st Virginia Regiment. Col. Gilman was born in Illinois and was nearly fifty-three years of age when he died.

EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. - We subjoin complete returns from the Eighth Congressional District: Hunton, Daniels, Greeley, Grant. Official. 936 433 932 444 Frederick Clarke 607 370 601 669 147 665 150 Warren 1,451 Loudoun 1,549 996 1,450 455 1,132 456 125 Alex'a. co. 124 1,003 1.014 1,127 Fairfax 1,205 1,623 1,244 Fauquier 1,708 506 656 Rappahan'k 670 474 817 481 Madison 830 864 793 856 794 Orange 1,021 1.036 1.011 1,021 1,334 1,325 1,334 Alex'a. city 1,353 413 339 Winchester 422

11,782 9,178 11,506 Hunton's majority, 2.604; Greeley's, 1,777; Walker's, 4.736. Hunton received 276 more votes than Greeley, and Grant 551 more than

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD. - The Synod of Virginia, embracing the churches in Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland, in connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States, will convene in this city at the Franklin street Church on Wednesday next. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. Handy, of Va., at half-past seven o'clock P. M. The only churches in this city connected with this body are the Franklin Square Presbyterian Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. Dr. Lefevre, and the Franklin-street Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. U. Murkland pastor. The Synod is composed of 10 presbyteries 194 ministers, 257 churches, 18,500 communicants, 54 candidates in preparation for the ministry, a Theological Seminary at Hampden Sidney. having 60 students. Each ordained minister is a member of the body, and each church cuti tled to be represented by a ruling elder. It is expected that there will be between two and three hundred members in attendance, em-

bracing some of the most gifted ministers in

Virginia. - Baltimore Sun.

SAMPLE DEALERS .- In the Court of Ap peals setting in Richmond, on Saturday, the Attorney General made a short argument in the case of Speer vs. the Commonwealth. This case involves the constitutionality of the the statute of selling goods by sample on the part of the non-resident merchants. It comes from Alexandria, where Speer was arrested and fined under the statute, for selling goods by sample. In the case of Ward vs. Maryland. reported in 12th Wallace, the United States Supreme Court decided that the statute of Maryland in regard to sample merchants was unconstitutional, and upon that decision the appellant in this case chiefly relies. It is an important subject, and will receive due consideration and be decided by a full court.

NAVAL ACADEMY.-And they remove the Naval Academy to Alexandria. This is very good news. The Annapolis institution and the canal through to the Ohio, and the navy-yard made the principal place of construction, and the quarries of Richmond furnstruction, and the quarries of Richmond furnishing the granite to rebuild Boston and for the public buildings at Washington, the prospect tant, in pint bottles, at 50c each, just received brightens before the Old Mother of States .- and for sale by Richmond Enquirer.

COMMERCIAL.

Alexandria Market,	Nov'r.	18.	1872.
FLOUR. Superfine	\$7 00	(4)	7 25
Extra	8 OX	1 (0)	8 25
Family	9 00	(a)	10 (0)
Family choice	00 0) (w	10 50
WHEAT, Common to fair	r 1 4	(0)	1 (2)
Fair to good	1 60) (a)	1 75
Good to prime	1 75	(4)	1 80
Prime to choice red	1 80		1.85
Choice white	O.O.	1. (4	1 90
CORN, white	0 59	(4)	0 61
Mixed	0 58	((y	0.60
Yellow	0 58		0.60
RYE			0.90
R I E			0.48
OATS			0 28
BUTTER, prime		100	0 12
Common to middling.	0 32		0 33
EGGS			0 18
TURKEYS		100	4 00
CHICKENS, dressed	3 00		
IRISH POTATOES	0 80	2 1 1	0.90
ONIONSTIMOTHY SEED	1 00	2.30	1 25
TIMOTHY SEED	4 OX	100	4 25
BACON, Hams, country	0 10		0.12
Sides	0 11	100	0 114
Shoulders	0		0 74
LARD	0 9	7	0 103
DRESSED HOGS	6 50		7.00
GREEN APPLES, per b	bi 2 0x		3 75
CHESTNUTS	1 50		2 (x)
PLASTER, ground, per t	on 7 5º	13.00	0.00
Ground, in bags or bi	ds 9 50		() (x)
Ground, in bags, retur	ned., 8 5	1 (14	() (X)
Lump	5 0) (a	5 25
SALT, G. A. (Liverpool)	1 7	1 (4)	1 80
Fine	2 80	1 (4	
Turk's Island	0 4	(a)	
WOOL, common unwash	ed 0 30) (4	0 33
Washed	0 50	1 (4	0 55
Merino, unwashed	0 30	1 60	0.33
Merino, washed	0 14		() 55
HAY, per ton from the ca	rs30 0	1 (0	35 (1)
IIA I, per ton from the ca	5 1171		

REMARKS.-The market for Wheat is quiet and unchanged; offerings of 356 bushels white and 2367 of red, with sales of the former at 175 for good, and 187 for prime, and of the latter at 130, 140 and 160 for common to teir, 165, 170 and 175 for medium to good, and 177, 178, 180, 184 and 187 for very good to strictly prime samples. Corn is more active at an advance of 2c on the closing quotations of last week; offerings of 216 bushels white, 498 of mixed and 108 of yellow, with sales of white at 62, new mixed at 55, old do, at 60, and new yellow at 55. Oats are steady: offerings of 340 bushels, with sales at 40. Ear-Corn brought \$2.75 per barrel.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, NOVEMBER 18 SUN ROSE 7.21 SUN SETS...... 4.44

Steamship John Gibson, New York, to Hooe & Johnston.
Steamer Columbia, Baltimore, to B Wheat.
She reports the schr Franklin Pierce, which has been ashore at Cedar Point, off Piney Point with her foremost gone—having had it carried away during a heavy blow last Saturday hight: also six light coasters, bound up.

Steamer Wawaset, Cone river, to Potential

Brig Tallyho, and schrs Maria Pierson, E K Kirk and E H Atwood, Washington, to Ameri-

can Coal Co.
Schrs Walter Thorndyke and U B Fisk,
Washington, to J P Agnew.
Schr A L Butler, Boston, to Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Co.
Schr V F Hawley, Washington, to George Y Worthington.

SAILED. Steamer Georgeanna, Baltimore, by Hooe &

Steamer Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, by F A Schr Hattie M Howes, East Greenwich, by

American Coal Co. Schrs Thos Booz, Warehan, and Walter Thorndyke, Providence, by J P Agnew. Schr West Donnis, Boston, by Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Co

MEMORANDA. Schr Abbie E Campbell, hence, at Providence 15th.

MARRIED.

November 12th, 1872, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rt. Rev. Bishop Gibbons, JOHN B. PURCELL, of Richmond, and Miss OLYMPIA, daughter of Col. Thos. H. Williamson, of the Virginia Military Institute.

On the 14th instant, at Grace Church, Petersburg, Va., by Rev. C. J. Gibson, C. M. ETII-ERIDGE, of Galveston, Texas, to MARY W. RIDDICK, of Suffelk, Va.

On Sunday night, November 17th, JOSE-PHINE, daughter of Jos. Colton, in the 14th year of her age. A The funeral will take place from the residence of her father, Patrick street, between Queen and Princess, on Tuesday

afternoon, at 3 o'clock. In Baltimore, on the 16th instant, Captain CHARLES POOR, formerly of We-tmoreland county, Va., in the 72d year of his age. He left a wife, one child and many warm friends to mourn their loss.

Alexandria Washington Lodge, No. 22, A., F. & A. M., will pay a visit to Washington Centennial Lodge, No. 14, on Thursday even-ing next. They will leave on a special train from the St. Asaph street depot at 5.45 sharp, and will leave Washington on their return at 12 o'clock. The fare for the round trip will be 50c. This will give our citizens a fine opportunity to visit Washington. The Lingard Troupe will be at the National this week.

ME-SUN FIRE COMPANY, ATTENTION. -There will be a special meeting of the Company held on Monday evening, Nov. 18th, in Harmonie Hall, at 7 o'clock. Business of importance will be presented.

HIRAM WEBSTER, President. nov 16-2t I MPORTANT TO HORSE OWNERS.

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check the poisonous discharges, heal all alcerand sores, 10 to 15 parts water.

It prevents the spread of the disease by completely c eansing the mouth and purifying the breath.

Horses like it, while they turn away from the smel of Carbolic Acid and Chlorides of Lime, which are poisonous and irritating to inflamed mucous surfaces.

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A DMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF CORPO-RATION AND OTHER STOCKS—Will be offered, at public sale on SATURDAY, De-cember 7th, 1872, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the City Hotel, Alexandria, Va.,—

20 shares of stock of Corp. of Alexandria, Va. 20 shares of stock of Alexa. Water Company. 80 shares of stock of Alexa. Insurance Co. Torms at sale.
JUHN T. CREIGHTON.

Adm'r. of the estate of Harrison Bradley, dec'd. nov 19-ts STREET CARS are running regularly from the BOATS OF THE POTOMAC FERRY COMPANY, foot of 7th street, to the Avenue. Passengers will find no difficulty in being

promptly conveyed to the avenue on the arrival of each hourly boat from Alexandria at Wash-S. S. HOWISON, President Potomac Ferry Co. nov 18-4t

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